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I can't bear it, mother,
So I sing this song.

My breasts are ripe,
And I am of age,
God grant me for lover
The king's little page!

THE MERCHANT

Little ants in a double row,
One for coming and one for going,
Do you know what the market's doing?
No, but the way the wind is blowing!

Little ants in a double row,
An' you never heard of market things?
Never a whit nor a two-pence worth,
For when it's the rain, then we grow wings,
And take them off to be ants again
When the cricket sings!

Little ants in a double row,
I am tired of buying and selling:
I wish I were an ant like you!
Brother, there is no telling!

Salomón de la Selva